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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Electronics Conference; Schedule for Sessions and Post
Conference Tour of Facilities

25X1X7 1. Dr. Guthe, in conferring with [REDACTED] was advised of 25X1X7
some difficulty on the part of [REDACTED] in arranging for the Economic Session 25X1X7
of the [REDACTED] Electronics Intelligence Conference. Dr. Guthe was advised
25X1X7 that [REDACTED] was giving consideration to the holding
of a completely separate Economic Conference on Electronics and Telecommunica-
tions, sponsored by [REDACTED] and separated from the S/T Session by the presently
planned post conference visits to [REDACTED] electronics installations. 25X1X7
Because of the considerations discussed below Dr. Guthe felt that this course
of action might create numerous additional problems of a serious nature, and
recommended that consideration be given to the retention of the present idea
of one conference with both 25X1X7 scientific and an economic session, followed
by the tour arranged by [REDACTED] hosts. This conclusion was reached on
the basis of the following circumstances:

25X1X7 2. Within the US Community an agreement has been reached between the
25X1X7 RIC Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications and the SEC Ad Hoc
Conference Arrangements Subcommittee for a two-day Economic Session separate
from the Scientific Session, but integral to the Conference itself. Progress
has been made on the Agenda 25X1X7 for the two sessions on these terms, and this
has been communicated to [REDACTED]. In the case of the
proposed Agenda for the Economic Session, copies have been forwarded to
25X1X7 [REDACTED] for consideration and suggestions. A reply of acceptance
25X1X7 has been received from [REDACTED] with suggestions and proposals for papers they
can prepare. Two representatives from [REDACTED] will participate as Delegates 25X1X7
to the Economic Session and, as in the past, it is anticipated that these
same two representatives will participate in the Scientific Session as
Observers or Delegates. In the US Delegation there will be similar continuity
of participation between the two sessions, particularly on the part of CIA,
NSA and the US Navy. This continuity is felt to be profitable because,
although a conceptual distinction exists between the scientific and economic
areas in the field of electronics, there is a substantial area of mutual
intelligence interest which is not easily assignable as either a Scientific
or an Economic factor. This area contains essential elements of information
for both intelligence problems.

3. As has been the case in past conferences, a series of post confer-
ence visits to electronics installations of the host country is contemplated.
25X1X7 [REDACTED] of the US Delegation and Conference Arrangements Subcommittee,
[REDACTED] was reached by phone to determine the status of the plans
for the post conference tour. This aspect 25X1X7 of the conference is in an initial
stage of discussion with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] informed me of his belief

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that, whatever plans are made, they must certainly provide an opportunity for all delegates to attend all activities associated with the conference. This could be accomplished in two ways, the first being for the Scientific Session, the Economic Session, and the post conference tours to be sequentially scheduled, in that order. Alternatively, [REDACTED] stated that there was a possibility that the number of delegates desiring a tour would be sufficiently large to justify arrangements for two groups of delegates at different times. In the latter case it would be possible to establish an arrangement whereby delegates who plan to attend any combination of Sessions and the visits could be accommodated without conflict of interests or loss of time.

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4. The [REDACTED] 25X1X7 of the US Delegation [REDACTED] 25X1A9a has been invited by [REDACTED] 25X1X7 the Chairman [REDACTED] to visit [REDACTED] in the near future to consider final arrangements on various conference matters, including Agenda, visits to electronics installations, and other details. [REDACTED] who will accompany [REDACTED] is also a member of the EIC Subcommittee and will participate in both the Scientific and Economic Sessions. [REDACTED] will be thoroughly familiar with the circumstances relating to the Economic Session. [REDACTED] attention is called to this, 25X1X7 in case he might like to confer with [REDACTED] while they are in [REDACTED]

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